

Ethiopia, Somalia, Uganda, Kenya, Armenia, and war-torn Bosnia. He has also delivered food to cities across the United States. On several occasions, Feed the Children has distributed tons of food to needy families in my congressional district in New York. For these efforts, and a lifetime of humanitarian service, Reverend Jones has been recognized as Oklahoman of the Year for 1994 by the magazine, Oklahoma Today.

Reverend Jones discovered his calling to help suffering children while on an evangelical mission in Haiti where he witnessed heart-wrenching scenes of hunger. Then he vowed to dedicate his life to service in behalf of hungry people all around the world.

I recall toward the end of the Haiti crisis last year, Reverend Jones and I arranged to have two plane-loads of medical supplies and food delivered to aid the suffering people of Haiti. The military dictators then in power attempted to block the visit, but Reverend Jones persevered and after a few days delay, he took the plane full of supplies to Port-au-Prince.

Reverend Jones has a very deep understanding of the problems of the suffering of the poor. Earlier this year in testimony to the Ways and Means Committee on the welfare reform bill, he reminded Congress that in its zeal to reform the system, they must not forget those who have been left out of the mainstream of our wealthy society. Reverend Jones was joined at the hearing by spokesmen from Jewish, Catholic, and Protestant denominations in an appeal for compassion that has crossed religious lines.

Mr. Speaker, I am very proud to be a friend of Rev. Larry Jones who has dedicated his life to helping those who are less fortunate. In tribute to him and for the edification of my colleagues, I call attention to an excerpt from an article in Oklahoma Today, in which he was recognized as the Oklahoman of the Year for 1994.

The profile of his organization, on the other hand, has never been higher. In 1994, Jones' Oklahoma City-based charity delivered truckloads of donated canned vegetables, antibiotics, wheelchairs, hams, coats, underwear, water purification tablets, books, powdered milk, Christmas candy, and stuffed animals to seventy countries around the world. His organization has heated orphanages in Romania, started loan programs in the Philippines, and supported prenatal clinics in Russia and a home for disabled children in Africa. Jones traveled to Rwandan refugee camps, to Bosnia and Croatia in the midst of war, and during last summer's trade embargo, delivered a plane-load of food and medicine to Haiti just hours after President Bill Clinton announced the U.S. Marines were going in.

Here in the United States, Jones' trucks delivered millions of pounds of supplies to food pantries in places known to be wanting, like Appalachia and Harlem, and places where hunger is more hidden, like Vermont and Denver. He bought a vacant college campus in the heart of Oklahoma City and established a job training program there, then loaned one of the buildings to Head Start. His organization provided disaster relief during catastrophic flooding in south Texas and pinpointed the eight most destitute school systems in each of the fifty states and sent each student a care package at Christmas.

All of this—the \$90 million charity, the fleet of trucks, the rides sitting on sacks of food in armored cars into countries at war—has happened, Jones maintains, without any planning on his part.

"Imagine," he says, "you're standing there, and someone hands you a rope and asks you to hold it. Turns out the rope is attached to a hot air balloon, and you just go."

For fifteen years, that ride has been Feed the Children.

TRIBUTE TO RICH BECKER

HON. JAN MEYERS

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 7, 1995

Mrs. MEYERS of Kansas. Mr. Speaker, April 20, 1995, marks the retirement as mayor of Lenexa, KS, of one of Kansas' leading citizens, Mayor Rich Becker.

During Rich Becker's 8 years as mayor, Lenexa has experienced phenomenal economic and residential growth and offers its citizens an extremely high quality of life.

In 1994, Rich Becker reached out to all Kansans and ran for Governor. He conducted his campaign with honor and integrity never saying a bad word about any other candidate. He and his wife, Nancy, traversed Kansas' 400,000 square miles from north to south, from east to west, visiting all 105 Kansas counties and all 627 towns and cities which have mayors—a more vigorous and rigorous campaign than any in history.

Rich Becker has distinguished himself as a selfless public official. The enthusiasm, energy, and integrity with which he has pursued his personal and public goals sets a standard of excellence in public service to which we all should aspire.

MORRISTOWN, NJ: THE SPIRIT OF AMERICA

HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 7, 1995

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the town which is the heart of my Congressional District, the historical town of Morristown, NJ, which celebrated the 130th anniversary of its incorporation into Morris County on April 6.

Like many early colonial American towns, Morristown was settled by Puritans searching for religious freedom, as well as industrious newcomers from the coast hoping to capitalize on the wealth of the land. In 1738 the Puritans established their church on the town's square or "Green" and proceeded to harvest the bounty of the land and the richness in the hills. This spirit of freedom and industriousness proved to be the rock upon which was built one of our Nation's greatest towns.

Perhaps, Morristown is most famous for being the military capital of the American Revolution. Gen. George Washington chose the town for its strategic location, iron industry, and citizens' loyalty to the cause of colonial independence. The Continental Army camped there for two bitter winters, with Washington making his headquarters at the home of the early industrialist Jacob Ford. In 1933, President Herbert Hoover established Washington's headquarters at the Ford Mansion as our Nation's first National Historic Park.

After the war and throughout the 19th century, Morristown prospered as the region's industrial capital, in addition to being the county seat of government and an area retail center. The town started to take on a new look with the advent of the railroad. Now only a short train trip from Hoboken, the wealthy financiers and industrialists of New York City could get away to the rolling hills and healthy climate of Morristown during the summer months. In fact, one of the town's main thoroughfares, Madison Avenue, became known as "Millionaires' Row."

Less celebrated at the time, yet more important to the town's future, were the other new groups of people locating in the town—immigrants. Since the middle of the 19th century, Morristown has been rejuvenated each generation by a new group of ethnic Americans. Germans, Irish, Italians, African-Americans from the South after the Civil War, Jews, Hispanics, Asians, and East Europeans from the former Soviet Union; all leaving an indelible mark on the history and culture of the town.

Today, Morristown is not known for its celebrity residents such as when it was graced by the likes of inventor Alfred Vail or the infamous cartoonist Thomas Nast. Instead, the citizens of Morristown, and the spirit that they harbor, are the beacon that attracts people and businesses from across the country and around the world to this small but vibrant town. So congratulations Morristown—you are the spirit of America.

YORK-ADAMS COUNTY CENTRAL LABOR COUNCIL ANNUAL WORKERS MEMORIAL DAY

HON. WILLIAM F. GOODLING

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 7, 1995

Mr. GOODLING. Mr. Speaker, I want to congratulate the York-Adams County Central Labor Council on their fifth annual workers Memorial Day. This event is held annually in order to recognize and remember workers who have been injured or have lost their lives in the workplace.

Over the last few years, we have made considerable progress in reducing serious injuries and deaths in the workplace, but much more needs to be done in order to achieve safety for all workers. Each year many avoidable workplace fatalities occur, and each time a great loss is suffered by both their families and their country.

As chairman of the Economic and Educational Opportunities Committee, I hope to consider different means of achieving a secure workplace and even improve the Occupational Safety and health Act to ensure that today's workers have the safest workplace possible.

Job safety is in everyone's interest. Most responsible companies believe their employees are their best asset. Normally, the products these companies produce are of the highest quality.

In today's competitive market, quality products are the mark of a quality nation. Our workers are our future link to the world market and they should be able to work in an environment that is safe and secure.